

**University of Mississippi
Bias Incident Report Form**

Submitted on March 6, 2019 at 8:18:33 am CST

Nature: **Nature**
Urgency: **urgency**
Incident Date and Time: **2019-03-02**
Incident Location: **OTHER Emmett Till Memorial Site**



Student Information

Ben LeClere ()	Male	Kappa Alpha Order
John Lowe ()	Male	Kappa Alpha Order

Incident Information

Please describe the nature of your concern, including as much detail as possible in the field below:

This photo on instagram was brought to my attention.

[REDACTED] It shows three boys, at least two of whom are members of KA at Ole Miss brandishing a hunting rifle and an M4 assault rifle in front of the bullet-ridden Emmet Till river memorial sign; this suggests they inflicted further damage to the sign that was replaced less than a year ago for the third time, having vandalized on several occasions. The date of the photograph isn't clear, but it appears to have been taken sometime between August 2018 and now.

The photo was on an account owned by Ben LeClere (left), was wishing fellow KA brother John Lowe (right) happy birthday, calling him "one of Memphis's finest and the worst influence I've ever met." The third man (middle) was not tagged in the post and we would also assume there was a potential fourth person who presumably took the photo. (picture and screenshot attached) The sign is located down a rural road in Glendora, MS, about 75 miles away from campus. They clearly went out of their way to intentionally deface this memorial that exists as a reminder of this country's long history of racial oppression, specifically the brutal lynching of Till and that of thousands of others.

We felt the need to let Ole Miss know because this is on a different level from other publicized incidents of racist conduct by fraternity members; defacing a public civil rights memorial for Till with rifles is a permanent act that would suggest they are content with the system of fear and intimidation enforced by whites for decades.

Has the University Police Department been contacted regarding this incident?

No

The incident is related to:

Race/Ethnicity

Please indicate below any action taken or recommended next steps.

[REDACTED] The photo is on instagram with hundreds of

"likes" and no one said a thing. I cannot tell Ole Miss what to do, I just thought it should be brought to your attention.

